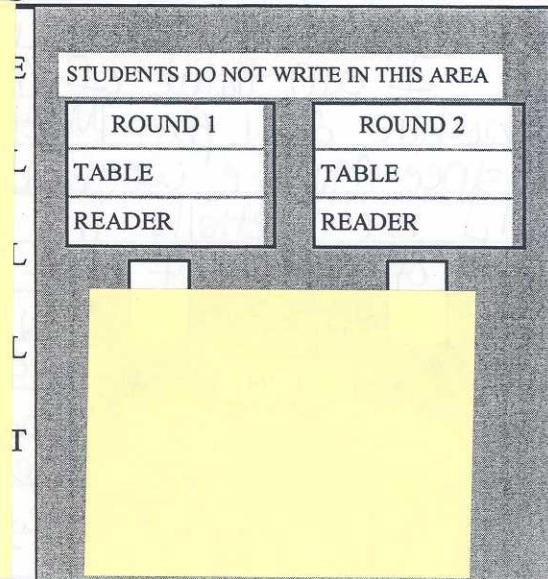


# Idaho 7th Grade Direct Writing Assessment

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The top of the world is in reach. I can see it and feel it. My mind urges, just a little bit farther! That's my dream every night. The top of Mount Everest is where I want to be. Sherpas, the Nepali Mount Everest guides, to lead us to the top of the mountain. To see your failures and your triumphs. To view you at the top or on your way to Base Camp. In my mind, nothing could be better. Do you agree? Let me show you why I want to climb Mount Everest.

The challenge for me is enough to make myself want to scale the 29,032 foot Mount Everest. Can you imagine the blinding white snow that sits on you like a blanket? How about the freezing temperatures and the icy winds that add wind chill to the already brutal temperatures? It's with me every day as I walk down the hallway to my classes. The challenge of the physical and mental abilities to climb Mount Everest blow my mind. To climb would be to live. The fun and the ability to be able to explain to my children and grandchildren about the top of the world would be great. I could never forgive myself if I didn't climb. For the rest of my life I would think, "What if this" or "what if that." To me, it wouldn't be worth it not to climb. This is my most important goal.

To get to the top and back again, there are many things I must do. Running and running until it hurts and then working through it would not only help me on Mount Everest, but also in my daily life. I once heard a saying, "You have to go until it hurts and then keep on going." Every time I think about Mount Everest, that saying comes to mind. Staying in shape would be a good idea. Since there would be tents, I would need to learn to like that. Walking and climbing would be the

two most important things I would be doing, so my leg and arm muscles would need to be strong.

I can think of many reasons why this would be worthwhile and fun. Meeting new friends who I would have to trust since my life would be partially in their hands and theirs would be partially in mine would be good. Facing the ever pressing danger of the fact that one mistake could mean death and that about 200 people have died on Mount Everest would be hard. Yet, the greatest thing would be standing where Sir Edmund Hillary stood. It would be overwhelming. Most people take something to the top, but I don't know what I would take. I think I would put the Everest books, by Gordon Korman up there. It would kind of fit, if you know what I mean.

In closing, I hope that my point was clear. Climbing Mount Everest would be great.

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